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Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

**AMENDMENT**

Responsive to the Office Action dated March 11, 2003, entry and consideration  
of the following amendments and remarks are requested.

**IN THE SPECIFICATION**

Amend the specification as follows:

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